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Mr. William Ruckleshaus Administrator Environmental Protection Agency 401 "M" St. S.W. Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Ruckleshaus:

I am forwarding to you a letter from my constituent, (b)(6) of Gig Harbor, Washington. (b)(6) has some serious concerns regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's hearings on the Asarco smelter in Tacoma that I felt needed to be brought to your attention. In addition, since (b)(6) and others have questioned EPA's authority to utilize a risk assessment methodology, I would appreciate any authority you can cite which allows you to proceed with the chosen type of regulatory hearing.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

NORMAN D. DICKS

Member of Congress

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